

Chairperson: Louis Fortis, 276-2222
Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
Research Analyst: Julie Esch 278-4430

Parks Advisory Commission

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.

**219 North Milwaukee Avenue, 7th Floor
(Public parking available across the street)**

MINUTES

Scheduled Items:

PRESENT: John Gurda, F. William Haberman, Henry Hamilton III, Penelope Stewart* and Louis Fortis (Chair) - 5

EXCUSED: Rafael Acevedo, Jr. and Daniel Steininger 2

ALTERNATE: Nancy Davlantes

*Ms. Stewart was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:05 p.m. A roll was taken with two members excused.

2. Approval of minutes from February 27, 2008 and April 8, 2008

The minutes from the last two meetings were approved by a voice vote of 4-0.

3. Election of a Vice Chairman

There was one nomination from Mr. Gurda recommending Mr. Haberman. A vote was taken and Mr. Haberman was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 4-0.

MOTION BY: (Gurda) Nominate Mr. Haberman for Vice Chair. **(Vote 4-0)**

AYES: Gurda, Haberman, Hamilton and Fortis (Chair) – 4

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - Acevedo, Steininger and Stewart - 3

4. Discussion of Mr. Steininger's memo

Mr. Fortis reviewed a few points from the above memo. Some clarity was made noting no decision or consensus was made on any type of governance. Additionally, Mr. Gurda doesn't feel the public is fully informed of the severity of the deterioration of the Parks system.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

5. From Ms. Esch, a hand out of all Friends Groups and contacts

There was no discussion at this time regarding the Friends Groups.

6. Ongoing discussion on options available to the Commission and the feasibility of them

A lengthy discussion ensued on any proposed funding, criteria used in choosing cultural entities to include in the funding and the amount needed to secure the future of Milwaukee County Parks system.

MOTION BY: (Gurda) Make a Recommendation to the County Board to:

- 1) Propose a sales tax to fund the Parks
- 2) Suggest the rate of .05% whereby the burden will come off the property tax roll; and
- 3) Include the quality of life programs currently funded by Milwaukee County.

AYES: Gurda, Haberman, Hamilton, Stewart and Fortis (Chair) – 5

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - Acevedo and Steininger - 2

7. Future meeting dates and items for discussion

The suggested next meeting date is for June 18, 2008, at the same time and location noted above.

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks Recreation and Culture

Mr. Jeff Baudry, Parks Marketing Director

Supervisor Gerry Broderick, District 3

Mr. Daniel Diliberti, Milwaukee County Treasurer

Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p. m.

Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

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